

Claim for External Breast Prostheses Reimbursement Program

Purpose of this form

Use this form if you have paid for a new or replacement external breast prosthesis since **1 July 2008**.

External Breast Prostheses Reimbursement Program

The Australian Government provides a reimbursement of up to \$400 for each new or replacement external breast prosthesis for women who have had breast surgery as a result of breast cancer.

Who can claim

All women who are permanent residents of Australia, are eligible for Medicare and have had breast surgery as a result of breast cancer, can claim the reimbursement. No timeframes apply on when the breast surgery was performed.

If you get financial assistance from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), you should claim your entitlement through DVA.

How often you can claim

To claim the reimbursement, your prosthesis must have been bought **after 1 July 2008**. You can claim the reimbursement for prostheses bought **every 2 years** from the date of your last purchase. This timeframe applies regardless of the amount of your last reimbursement.

If it has been less than 2 years since you bought a prosthesis, you can only claim for a replacement if it is for a medical reason. The claim must include a letter from your doctor or other health professional explaining the medical reason why you need a new prosthesis.

You cannot claim a replacement prosthesis, bought less than 2 years after your last purchase, for:

- wrong choice or change of mind
- incorrect fitting
- faulty or damaged prostheses.

If you have one of these issues, contact your prosthesis supplier.

How much you can get back

A reimbursement of up to \$400 for each new or replacement external breast prosthesis can be claimed, depending on the cost of the prosthesis. This limit applies for each prosthesis for each breast.

If you get a refund from another source

If you have private health insurance, you will need to claim any applicable refunds from them before seeking a reimbursement from us.

If you get a refund for your prosthesis from your private health insurer or another source and the refund is less than the full price paid, we may pay the difference. This is up to the \$400 limit for each prosthesis.

Examples: If you have bought a single prosthesis for \$130, your reimbursement is \$130*.

If you have had a double mastectomy and have bought 2 prostheses, your reimbursement may be up to \$800*.

If you have bought a prosthesis for \$350 and received a refund of \$200, your reimbursement will be \$150.

* Subject to other refunds or financial assistance paid to you.

What you cannot claim

Bras, post breast surgery swimwear or internal prostheses.

How we will pay you

All reimbursements are made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the bank account nominated in your claim form. We will send a statement to your nominated postal address showing the amount paid into your bank account. You can keep this for your records.

Most claims are processed within 10 business days after receiving the claim.

Filling in this form

- **Please use black or blue pen**
- Print in BLOCK LETTERS
- Mark boxes like this with a ✓ or X
- Where you see a box like this **Go to 5** skip to the question number shown. You do not need to answer the questions in between.

Returning your form

Check that all required questions are answered and that the form is signed and dated. Attach a copy of your receipt(s) with your claim, including a description of each purchase.

Scan and email the completed form and receipt(s) to:

ebpr@humanservices.gov.au this is the quickest and easiest way. Be aware that there may be risks with sending personal information through unsecured networks or email channels.

or post to:

Department of Human Services
External Breast Prostheses Reimbursement Program
GPO Box 9822
in your capital city

or

Take the completed form and receipt(s) to your local service centre.

For more information

Online **humanservices.gov.au/breastprostheses**
Call **132 011** (Australian Western Standard Time)
TTY **1800 810 586** (hearing and speech impaired)
TIS **131 450** (Translating and Interpreting Service)

Note: Call charges may apply.

Claimant's details – the person who received the prosthesis(es)

1 Medicare card number

-- Ref no.

2 Full name

3 Prosthesis – tick one or both

Left breast Right breast

4 Postal address

 Postcode

5 Do you want this recorded as your permanent postal address?

No
Yes

6 Daytime phone number

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7 Email (optional)

@

Bank account details

8 If you have previously supplied your bank account details to Medicare, do you still want to use those bank account details?

Any bank details provided in this form will result in all Medicare payments being paid to this account.

No Go to next question
Yes Go to 10

9 The bank, building society or credit union account must be in your name. A joint account is acceptable. Payments cannot be made to credit card, loan or mortgage accounts.

Name of bank, building society or credit union

Branch number (BSB)

Account number (this may not be the card number)

Account held in the name(s) of

10 Have you received a refund or financial assistance from a private health fund for the prosthesis(es) you are claiming?

No
Yes Give details of the amount(s) you have received:

Private health fund	\$
Other	\$

The amount of your reimbursement will be reduced by the amount refunded or financial assistance already received.

Privacy notice

11 Your personal information is protected by law (including the Privacy Act 1988) and is collected by the Australian Government Department of Human Services for the assessment and administration of payments and services. This information is required to process your application or claim.

Your information may be used by the department, or given to other parties where you have agreed to that, or where it is required or authorised by law (including for the purpose of research or conducting investigations).

You can get more information about the way in which the department will manage your personal information, including our privacy policy, at humanservices.gov.au/privacy

Declaration

12 I declare that:

- I have read the information on page 1 of this form.
- I have had breast surgery as a result of breast cancer.
- the amount claimed has been paid.
- I am not eligible to claim financial assistance from the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the purchase.
- the information I have provided in this form is complete and correct.

I understand that:

- I am claiming a reimbursement for the purchase of external breast prosthesis(es).
- giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Claimant's signature

Date